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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters  
Director and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 20-06 – Fort Knox Uniform Policy

1. References:

- a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 February 2005.
- b. Message, Army G-1, 0510261542Z, subject: Change to the Army Combat Uniform (ACU), Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), and Desert Battle Dress Uniform (DBDU) Wear Policy.

2. The BDU and ACU are authorized for wear during commercial travel.

3. Installation uniform standards supplement Army uniform standards. Commanders will ensure that all Soldiers comply with the following installation military uniform standards.

a. BDU and ACU standards.

- (1) The uniform will be clean and serviceable.
- (2) Soldiers will not starch the ACU under any circumstances.
- (3) BDU sleeves can be worn up or down year round in formation and cantonment areas at the discretion of the commander (company level). The beret is the appropriate headgear; the patrol cap is not authorized for details.
- (4) The brown/tan T-shirt is never worn as an outer garment. Keep the BDU/ACU blouse on at all times.
- (5) Plain earplug case (no insignia or crest) will be attached to the right front belt loop. Instructor fobs will be attached to the upper left pocket button of the BDU and the left pocket of the ACU.
- (6) The BDU/ACU may be worn in the commissary, Post Exchange (PX), or shoppette without restriction.

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(7) The BDU/ACU is not normally considered appropriate for off-post social or official functions.

(8) Personnel will not wear the BDU/ACU in off-post establishments that primarily serve alcohol. If the establishment sells alcohol and food, Soldiers may not wear the BDU/ACU if their activities in the establishment center on drinking alcohol.

(9) Male Soldiers are not authorized to wear earrings and/or body piercing while in civilian clothing on the installation.

b. There are three authorized field uniforms:

(1) The standard field uniform is the BDU/ACU with sleeves down, brown/tan T-shirt, black/tan boots, Kevlar with camouflage cover and band (chinstrap fastened), Load Carrying Equipment (LCE), and earplugs. Commanders will designate equipment to be worn on the LCE. The field uniform will be worn as Soldiers depart the cantonment area in tactical vehicles in order to conduct, support, or inspect field training. Commanders will prescribe cold weather gear.

(2) Soldiers are authorized to wear the Combat Vehicle Crewman (CVC) uniform while conducting gunnery or maneuver training only. Only the CVC helmet, Kevlar, or patrol cap will be worn with the CVC uniform. All leather boots will be worn with the CVC uniform. The CVC uniform is not authorized in the cantonment area or off post (only exception is the dining facility).

(3) Soldiers assigned to the opposition force (OPFOR) units may wear the OPFOR uniform while performing OPFOR missions in the field. Soldiers will not wear the OPFOR uniform in any civilian or cantonment area (only exception is the dining facility).

(a) Soldiers on flight status may wear Flight NOMEX when their primary duty on a particular day is flying.

(b) Soldiers may wear coveralls only while performing duties in designated maintenance work areas and sites.

(c) Camel backs are not authorized to wear in the cantonment area.

c. The Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) is the only uniform authorized to wear during units' established physical fitness training hours. Soldiers are authorized to wear the IPFU only when conducting physical fitness training or en route to/from physical training. It is not authorized for work or details. The IPFU will not be worn in the PX or commissary. Soldiers will not mix military and civilian physical fitness garments.


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(1) All personnel will wear a reflective vest or belt during all physical fitness training. The belt may be worn diagonally across the body from right shoulder to left hip or around the waist when the IPFU jacket is not worn as an outer garment. The belt will be worn diagonally across the body from right shoulder to left hip when wearing the IPFU jacket. Radio walkmans are not authorized to wear with the IPFU.

(2) The IPFU is the normal duty uniform for Fitness Training Unit (FTU) cadre. It may be the normal duty uniform during Master Fitness Leader Training in the unit training area only.

(3) Soldiers will not wear the IPFU in civilian establishments (except when purchasing gas to and from physical training). Soldiers may wear the IPFU when using the shoppette and using the Early Bird services in the commissary only.



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